1294. [*Transferred to the 17th March, 1986.*]

Article on religion in the Yojana Journal

1295. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Yojana' one of the monthly journals published by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting published in one of its issues—August 1985—articles against religions which hurt the religious feelings of the vast majority of Indian people; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the editor of this journal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The Special Issue of Yojana brought out on the occasion of Independence Day 1985 contains articles by eminent personalities to promote humanism and to help people eschew obscuranism in life. The aricles were not in any way against religion and therefore the question of taking any action against the editor does not arise.

1296. [*Transferred to the 12th March, 1986.*]

Credit to Farm Sector from Banks

1297. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accentuate the flow of credit to the farm sector by the banks;

(b) what is the present credit extended to farm sector by the banks;

(c) by what percentage Government propose to increase the availability of credit; and

(d) whether this increase is likely to meet substantially the demands of credit by the farm sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have been making systematic efforts to increase the flow of credit to the Farm Sector through Institutional Agencies *viz.* Co-operatives, Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks.

(b) and (c) During the 7th Five Year Plan, it is envisaged to step-up short-term production credit from the level of Rs. 3610 crores in 1984-85 to Rs. 8695 crores in 1989-90 (terminal year of the 7th Plan). Similarly, the availability of term loan is proposed to be stepped-up from Rs. 8515 crores during the 6th Plan to Rs. 19955 crores (cumulative) during the 7th Plan. The step-up is likely to be 140 per cent in the case of short-term and 135 per cent in the case of term credit during the 7th Plan as compared to the availability of credit during the 6th Plan.

(d) The projected step-up during the 7th Plan is likely to meet substantially the demand of credit by the Farm Sector.

Financing by HUDCO

1298. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the pattern of financing by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation in view of cost escalation; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have recently revised the financing pattern of HUDCO. The details thereof are given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No.* 18.]